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H.B. No. 1675

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to governmental entities subject to the sunset review process.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

ARTICLE 1. ENTITIES GIVEN 2015 SUNSET DATE

SECTION 1.01. UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE. Section 33.083, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) The University Interscholastic League is subject to review under Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act), but is not abolished under that chapter. The University Interscholastic League shall be reviewed during the period in which state agencies abolished in 2015 are reviewed. The University Interscholastic League shall pay the costs incurred by the Sunset Advisory Commission in performing the review under this subsection. The Sunset Advisory Commission shall determine the costs of the review performed under this subsection, and the University Interscholastic League shall pay the amount of those costs promptly on receipt of a statement from the Sunset Advisory Commission regarding those costs. This subsection expires September 1, 2015.

SECTION 1.02. CLEAR LAKE CITY WATER AUTHORITY. Chapter 101, Acts of the 58th Legislature, Regular Session, 1963, is amended by adding Section 1A to read as follows:

Sec. 1A. (a) The Authority is subject to review under

1 Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act), as if it were a
2 state agency but may not be abolished under that chapter. The
3 review shall be conducted as if the Authority were scheduled to be
4 abolished September 1, 2015.

5 (b) The review must assess the Authority's governance,
6 management, and operating structure and the Authority's compliance
7 with legislative requirements.

8 (c) The Authority shall pay the costs incurred by the Sunset
9 Advisory Commission in performing a review of the Authority under
10 this section. The Sunset Advisory Commission shall determine the
11 costs, and the Authority shall pay the amount promptly on receipt of
12 a statement from the Sunset Advisory Commission detailing the
13 costs.

14 (d) This section expires September 1, 2015.

15 SECTION 1.03. SULPHUR RIVER BASIN AUTHORITY. Chapter 3,
16 Acts of the 69th Legislature, 1st Called Session, 1985, is amended
17 by adding Section 1A to read as follows:

18 Sec. 1A. APPLICATION OF SUNSET ACT. (a) The authority is
19 subject to review under Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset
20 Act), as if it were a state agency but may not be abolished under
21 that chapter. The review shall be conducted as if the authority
22 were scheduled to be abolished September 1, 2015.

23 (b) The review must assess the authority's governance,
24 management, and operating structure and the authority's compliance
25 with legislative requirements.

26 (c) The authority shall pay the costs incurred by the Sunset
27 Advisory Commission in performing a review of the authority under

1 this section. The Sunset Advisory Commission shall determine the
2 costs, and the authority shall pay the amount promptly on receipt of
3 a statement from the Sunset Advisory Commission detailing the
4 costs.

5 (d) This section expires September 1, 2015.

6 SECTION 1.04. TEXAS BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS.

7 Section 201.004, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

8 Sec. 201.004. APPLICATION OF SUNSET ACT. (a) The Texas
9 Board of Chiropractic Examiners is subject to Chapter 325,
10 Government Code (Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence
11 as provided by that chapter, the board is abolished and this chapter
12 expires September 1, 2015 [~~2017~~].

13 (b) The board shall pay the costs incurred by the Sunset
14 Advisory Commission in performing a review of the board under this
15 section. The Sunset Advisory Commission shall determine the costs,
16 and the board shall pay the amount promptly on receipt of a
17 statement from the Sunset Advisory Commission detailing the costs.

18 ARTICLE 2. ENTITIES GIVEN 2017 SUNSET DATE

19 SECTION 2.01. TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. Section
20 201.204, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

21 Sec. 201.204. SUNSET PROVISION. The Texas Department of
22 Transportation is subject to Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas
23 Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that
24 chapter, the department is abolished September 1, 2017 [~~2015~~].

25 ARTICLE 3. ENTITIES GIVEN 2019 SUNSET DATE

26 SECTION 3.01. REGIONAL EDUCATION SERVICE CENTERS. Section
27 8.010, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

1 Sec. 8.010. SUNSET PROVISION. Regional education service
2 centers are subject to Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset
3 Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter,
4 the centers are abolished and this chapter expires September 1,
5 2019 [~~2015~~].

6 SECTION 3.02. TEXAS STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY.
7 Section 901.006, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

8 Sec. 901.006. APPLICATION OF SUNSET ACT. The Texas State
9 Board of Public Accountancy is subject to Chapter 325, Government
10 Code (Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence as provided
11 by that chapter, the board is abolished and this chapter expires
12 September 1, 2019 [~~2015~~].

13 ARTICLE 4. ENTITIES GIVEN 2021 SUNSET DATE

14 SECTION 4.01. TEXAS INVASIVE SPECIES COORDINATING
15 COMMITTEE. Section 776.007(a), Government Code, is amended to read
16 as follows:

17 (a) The committee is subject to Chapter 325 (Texas Sunset
18 Act). [~~The committee shall be reviewed during the periods in which
19 the State Soil and Water Conservation Board is reviewed.~~] Unless
20 continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the committee
21 is abolished and this chapter expires September 1, 2021 [~~on the date
22 on which that agency is subject to abolishment~~].

23 SECTION 4.02. DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION OF TEXAS
24 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE. Section 31.004(b), Insurance Code, is
25 amended to read as follows:

26 (b) Unless continued as provided by Chapter 325, Government
27 Code, the duties of the division of workers' compensation of the

1 Texas Department of Insurance under Title 5, Labor Code, expire
2 September 1, 2021 [2017], or another date designated by the
3 legislature.

4 SECTION 4.03. OFFICE OF INJURED EMPLOYEE COUNSEL. Section
5 404.003, Labor Code, is amended to read as follows:

6 Sec. 404.003. SUNSET PROVISION. The office of injured
7 employee counsel is subject to Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas
8 Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that
9 chapter, the office is abolished and this chapter expires September
10 1, 2021 [2017].

11 ARTICLE 5. ENTITIES REMOVED FROM SPECIFIC SUNSET REVIEW

12 SECTION 5.01. EARLY CHILDHOOD HEALTH AND NUTRITION
13 INTERAGENCY COUNCIL. Section 116.002, Health and Safety Code, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Sec. 116.002. REVIEW BY [~~APPLICATION OF~~] SUNSET ADVISORY
16 COMMISSION [~~ACT~~]. The Sunset Advisory Commission shall review the
17 [~~The~~] Early Childhood Health and Nutrition Interagency Council as
18 part of its periodic review of the Department of Agriculture under
19 [~~is subject to~~] Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act).
20 [~~Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the~~
21 ~~council is abolished and this chapter expires September 1, 2019.~~]

22 ARTICLE 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

23 SECTION 6.01. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
24 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
25 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
26 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
27 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.